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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2121**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03180-0255-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2121
	)	
Application No.: 09/606,148	)	Examiner: Sunray Chang
	)	
Filed: June 29, 2000	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 7735
For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS, CIRCUIT	)	
DESIGNING METHOD, AND COMPUTER	)	
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING	)	
A CIRCUIT DESIGNING PROGRAM	)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, the period for response to which extends through February 4, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants propose that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.